

Subject: Help for Jordan Lake
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Dear Rich and Jason,

As a REALTOR and avid outdoorsman and kayaker, I feel as though I have a unique perspective on the pollution problems at Jordan lake. I have seen firsthand the sediment build-up and algae blooms in the NE Creek section of Jordan Lake. At the same time, I know that landowners have rights to develop their land, and development is inevitable....but development must be done responsibly. Susanne Gomolski and myself, regularly paddle NE Creek, and we have seen a major increase in sediment build-up and pollution in NE Creek over the last two years. We must institute better controls for runoff at new and existing developments, and to require wastewater treatment plants to begin nitrogen reduction now. The Lake is in trouble and needs help now. My family had to develop the Berryhill tract in Carrboro several years ago to pay estate taxes. It was a difficult process, but Carrboro finally approved the sale and development after a portion of the land was deeded to the Triangle Land Conservancy. So, I am fully aware that landowners often need to develop their land, but it needs to be done responsibly. We need rules in place to protect our streams and lakes and the wildlife who call these areas home. If we do not protect these fragile areas which are our sources of drinking water, recreation, and wildlife habitat....then we will certainly pay a hundredfold in the future for our lack of action now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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